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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Yoshinori HATAYAMA**

Group Art Unit: **2157**

Serial No.: **09/920,289**

Examiner: **Saleh Najjar**

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**REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FOREIGN PRIORITY CLAIM**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 25, 2005

Sir:

Applicant requests that the PTO acknowledge his claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119. Applicant claimed such priority in the Declaration filed November 5, 2001.

However, the Office Action mailed December 14, 2004 did not acknowledge the claim for priority nor did it explain why such acknowledgement would not be provided. Consequently, applicant requested in the April 22, 2005 submission that the priority claim be acknowledged.

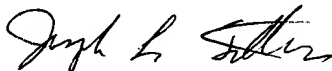
Applicant appreciates the Notice of Allowability mailed July 14, 2005. However, the Notice still also does not provides acknowledgement of the claim for foreign priority nor does the Notice explain why such acknowledgement would not be provided.

Accordingly, applicant requests once again that the claim for foreign priority be acknowledged. In the alternative, if the PTO feels that such acknowledgement is not proper, applicant requests that PTO provide its reason.

No fee is believed due in connection with this paper. However, if a fee is due, the charge may be debited from Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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